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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: TRIPATHY, et al.
Serial No.: 09/580,516
Filing Date: May 25, 2000
Group Art Unit: 2141
Examiner: Melvin H. Pollack
Title: **ELEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WITH
AUTOMATIC REMOTE BACKUP OF
NETWORK ELEMENTS LOCAL STORAGE**

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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the final Office Action mailed June 21, 2004, (the "Final Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following Amendments thereto, and the comments as set forth below. Please amend the Application as follows.